

# TOWN OF HERNDON

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### **HERNDON MAYOR APPOINTED AS TOWN REPRESENTATIVE TO NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

Herndon, VA (May 20, 2009) – Steve DeBenedittis, Mayor of the Town of Herndon, has been designated as a town representative to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), for a term beginning July 1, 2009 and concluding June 30, 2010.

DeBenedittis succeeds Town of Leesburg Mayor Kristen Umstattd in the post and becomes the second town elected official to hold the non-voting seat on the NVTA, following passage of a 2008 law by the Virginia General Assembly that added town representation to the authority.

Created by the General Assembly in 2002, the NVTA is responsible for long-range transportation planning for regional transportation projects in Northern Virginia. The NVTA works toward regional consensus in establishing policies and priorities guided by performance-based criteria such as the ability to improve travel times, reduce delays, connect regional activity centers, improve safety, improve air quality, and move the most people in the most cost-effective manner. The NVTA's membership includes the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 25,000 people. *Business Week* Magazine has named Herndon one of the nation's "Best Affordable Suburbs."

For more information, visit the town's Web site at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

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